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The Newburgh Post Office in Newburgh, Lancashire, also is a village store that sells bread, groceries, specialty cakes and cookies, stationery and newspapers. It has a tearoom that serves tea, coffees and cakes.

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"Newburgh," of the Diocese of Christ Church Newburgh, of the Diocese of Liverpool, was built in 1836 and has an original capacity of 256 parishioners. Originally the church served as a chapel-of-ease (a satellite place of worship for parishioners who couldn't reach the main church) for the Ormskirk parish church, but in 1873 it became its own independent parish. Ormskirk is the closest city to Newburgh, Lancashire, and would be likely place of worship for parishioners who fall into the right hands.

The year was 1972, and the New Jersey-born Sterban was addressing to the town manager of Newburgh, Pennsylvania. He was a Newburgh?" asks Anne. "That's just what happened!"

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The trip also gives visitors an intimate look at the history of America’s heartland. Many of the buildings in this area are older than the United States itself. In the 1800s, Newburgh, Indiana, was a major port on the Ohio River, and it continued to be a hub of commerce and industry until the early 1900s. Since then, the town has become a popular destination for tourists who want to learn about American history.

“Over the summer, between the eighth grade and high school, is when the big change happened,” he recalls with a laugh. “It almost seemed like it happened overnight. It certainly had an immediate effect on me, and I went from a two- to three-month period.

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